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E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: DEPSEC VISIT SOUTH ASIA

1. YOUR INITIAL MESSAGES ON SCHEDULING NOW BEING RECEIVED AND WE WILL COMMENT ON THESE IN SEPTELS. THIS MESSAGE PROVIDES GUIDANCE ON INPUTS WE NEED FROM YOU FOR SOUTH ASIA BRIEFING PACKAGE. DEADLINE FOR MATERIAL REQUESTED IS OPENING OF BUSINESS APRIL 2 OUR TIME.

2. WE TENTATIVELY CONSIDERING BRIEF ARRIVAL AND/ OR DEPARTURE STATEMENTS FOR ALL STOPS. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR VIEWS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON WHETHER SUCH STATEMENTS

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DESIRABLE AND IF SO PLEASE SEND SUGGESTED TEXTS. THESE SHOULD BE NO MORE THAN 300 WORDS AND PREFERABLY LESS.

3. DEPSEC ALSO CONSIDERING ADVISABILITY OF MAKING SELF AVAILABLE TO PRESS ON DEPARTING EACH POST. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS THIS REGARD AS WELL AS LIST OF ANTICIPATED QUESTIONS.

4. WOULD ALSO LIKE YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS ON TALKING POINTS FOR RESPONSES TO TOASTS WHICH DEPSEC IS LIKELY TO MAKE. THESE SHOULD BE LIMITED TO 300 WORDS.

5. WE WILL BE PREPARING BACKGROUND PAPERS AND TALKING POINTS FOR BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS. ROGERS

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